

DEATH OF GENERAL JOHN B. GORDON

Confederate Leader Passes Away at the Age of Twenty-two.

ORATOR AND STATESMAN.

Georgian by Birth and Education Was One of That State's Gifted Sons—Was Wounded Several Times During the Civil War.

Commander of Confederate Troops Will Be Succeeded by General D. Lee, of Mississippi.

Georgia, Jan. 11.—Lieutenant John Brown Gordon died at his home near Miami, Fla., at last night. His fatal illness overtook him last Wednesday.

Biographical Sketch. Famous confederate leader, John Brown Gordon, was born in Upson county, Georgia, May 6, 1832, graduated at the University, studied law and was admitted to the bar, practicing at Atlanta.

September, 1854, he married Fanny Haralson, the third daughter of General Hugh A. Haralson, of La Grange, Ga. The wedding took place on her 17th birthday, and she was 22 years old.

He entered the confederate army as captain of infantry and rose to the rank of lieutenant-general. At Vicksburg he commanded a division of Lee's army and was wounded eight times during the battle, being severely wounded at the siege of Fort Mifflin.

General Gordon was the leading candidate for governor of Georgia, and as he believed, elected by a large majority, but lost to Rufus B. Bullock, but he was elected.

General Gordon was the commander of the national demonstration at New York, 1868, Baltimore, 1872, and was elected governor of the state at large in 1872.

General Gordon was elected United States senator for six years, took his seat there March 1878, where he was recognized as one of the best orators of his time.

General Gordon was elected governor of Georgia by the convention July 28, 1886, and was elected United States senator, 1890, and served a full term, and was also commander of the United States veterans.

General Gordon succeeds Gordon. Tenn., Jan. 11.—General Gordon, of Mississippi, commander of the Army of the Tennessee, and General Gordon as commander of the United States veterans, pending the election here next June.

Wheat Flour to China. Mills Completing Contract for 9,000 Barrels. The three mills at Island City, Union county, which are all under management, have received 9,000 barrels of flour to be shipped to China. This means 60 car loads have been shipped next week the entire crop completed. These three mills have a total capacity of 300,000 bushels per day.

Lumber Dealers. O., Jan. 11.—Among the lumber dealers registered at Columbus are several hundred who come to attend the annual convention of the Union Lumber Association, which will be held during the next few days. The association embraces the Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Tennessee. Several important matters affecting the lumber trade are down for discussion at the meeting.

Railway for Baker. O., Jan. 11.—Charles M. Baker, of the Bancho-Sage Hardware Co., is on the east on the coast and will visit New York, and Baltimore to purchase goods for the construction of the financier street railway company.

Returned With Boodler.

St. Louis, Jan. 11.—Ex-Councilman Kratz in charge of officers, arrived here from Mexico this morning. There was no demonstration because when Kratz fled to Mexico he forfeited bond for \$20,000. It is believed the new bonds will be not less than \$40,000. Kratz was indicted for acceptance of a bribe to give street railway grants, in which the hoodlums combine is said to have divided \$60,000. The prosecution expects Kratz to turn state's evidence when confronted with the full volume of evidence against him.

ARRANGING FOR NEXT CONVENTION

CHICAGO, NEW YORK AND ST. LOUIS IN THE FIGHT.

Seattle Man is Spellbinding for Chicago—Harmony is the Watchword of This Session Democratic National Committee.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Large delegations are arriving today to attend the meeting of the national democratic committee which begins tomorrow. Harmony is the watchword. Gorman and Parker are mentioned most often for president and Williams is also given an occasional mention. Hearst is seldom heard of. Chicago, St. Louis and New York have all opened headquarters, and are after the convention. Colonel James Hamilton Lewis, formerly of Seattle, will do the oratorical stunt before the convention in behalf of Chicago.

SELLING STATE LANDS.

Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Acres in Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 11.—The first parcel of the 300,000 acres of public land in Wisconsin was put up for sale at auction here today and a series of similar sales will follow at various places until all of the undeveloped lands now owned by Wisconsin are sold, with the exception of a tract of 30,000 acres set aside for a state forestry reserve. The lands are scattered throughout fifty-six counties, but the most of them are in Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer, Douglas and Price counties. The appraised valuation ranges from \$1 to \$50 an acre. Under a decision of the state land commissioners no person will be allowed to buy more than 160 acres.

O. R. & N. DENIES REPORT.

Officials Say Contracts on Lewiston-Riparia Branch Not Let.

Portland, Jan. 11.—Officials of the O. R. & N. deny the report sent out from Spokane and copied by many Eastern Oregon papers that the contract for the immediate construction of the Lewiston-Riparia branch has been let to either Spokane or any other contractor. It is said to be a scheme of real estate boomers in Lewiston to create a rush to that city and that while the company may possibly build this branch, no definite steps have yet been taken.

Not all the right of way has been secured yet and all the reports to the effect that teams and feed have been unloaded by the contractors at Riparia are absolutely unfounded, and intended solely to create a real estate boom along the proposed route.

MACHEN CASE CALLED.

Also Several Other Postal Fraud Defendants in the D. C. Criminal Court.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The case of August W. Machen, former general superintendent of the free delivery service, Samuel A. and Diller E. Groff of this city and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lorenz of Toledo, all of whom are charged with defrauding the government by the sale of box fasteners to the postoffice department, were to the postoffice in the district called for trial today in the district criminal court. Many witnesses were on hand and it is probable the trial will proceed without further delay.

Perry Heath, the Head Grafter, to Tell What He Knows. Perry Heath, who was called as a witness, did not respond, not having yet arrived at Washington. Formal demurrers to evidence were overruled.

RELEASED FROM SAN QUENTIN

Ex-Treasurer of Prison, Who Embezzled \$10,000.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—Ex-City Treasurer A. J. Wilbur was released from San Quentin this morning, after serving five years for embezzling \$118,000 of the city's funds. He had substituted silver for gold in the coin sacks and spent it on race track gambling.

DROWNED OFF SMITH ISLAND

Particulars of the Disaster to the Passengers and Crew of the Clallam.

FORTY-NINE ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN DROWNED.

A Night of Storm and Horror—Loss of Women and Children Due to Swamping of Boats After Leaving the Steamer—Tugs Were Almost Powerless to Rescue on Account of the Surging Seas.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 11.—The steamer Clallam foundered shortly after midnight, a short distance from Smith's Island, about 15 miles from this city. About 50 persons, including 36 passengers, lost their lives.

List of the Lost.

Captain Thompson, Thomas Morrison, George Hison, A. Valdemar, Mrs. Rose, C. H. Joy, R. G. Campbell, W. C. Rockledge, W. Chennett, R. Turner, G. F. Jeffs, Isaac Hewitt, Miss Harris, Mrs. Charles Cox, Mrs. Remona, W. B. Gibbons, Eugene Hicks, P. Laplant, Mrs. R. Turner, Miss Bellies, E. Boulton, N. P. Shaw, Mrs. A. J. C. Gallackly, Guy Dennis, Charles Thomas, Miss Gill, R. Case, Mrs. Reynolds, L. W. Davis, Mrs. Thomas Sellins and two children, H. W. Laplant, Charles Green, H. D. Stanley, Mrs. S. E. Boulton, C. W. Thompson, Miss Gallakly, H. Buckner, Miss Murry, C. G. Birney, E. P. Floris, A. K. Prince, C. F. Johnson, Mrs. A. H. Laplant, Mrs. Leonora Richards, H. H. Swaney, Captain T. Lawrence, Ed Tennan, Guy Daniels, Mrs. Diprose.

The Survivors.

Deck department—Captain George Roberts, first officer; G. W. Downey, H. Arnold, F. Myers, R. Griffith, J. Jeffery, H. Johnson, J. Anderson, A. McKean. Engineers' department—Scott Lacey, chief engineer; James Macklock, fireman; John Atkins, officer; Edward Parker, oiler. Steward's department—J. R. Watson, steward; James Caldwell, Archie King, Archie Davis, William Jones, Ah Looh, Fan Lang. Purser F. C. Froer. Passengers—J. Norris, William King, H. D. Bailey, Jack Swenney, Charles W. Davis, John Davis, W. H. Grimes, William Le Plante, Edward Laumer, Thomas Sellins and T. Larson.

Eight Miles From Victoria.

The vessel had come within eight miles of Victoria when heavy seas broke in the deadlights, and the water rushed in, putting the fires out. These boats were launched, filled principally with women and children, and two of these were seen to founder, all drowning, and the third is thought to have met the same fate. The steamer drifted until 10 o'clock last night when the tug Holyoke, sent from here, came to her assistance and took the Clallam in tow. The passengers and crew had in the meantime hoisted the cargo overboard and kept three lines of men bailing with buckets, keeping about even with the incoming rush of water.

After the Clallam was taken in tow the water came in faster, and about 1 o'clock she went on her beam ends and filled fast. The sea lion had arrived meanwhile, and the two tugs set about saving life. Thirty-one were picked up from the steamer and from planks and rafts and brought here this morning at 9 o'clock.

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WHISTLER FOR BUTTER CREEK

Advises That the Reservoir Project West of Pendleton is Practicable.

FAVORS THE MALHEUR AND HARNEY COUNTY PROJECTS.

Twenty-four Million Dollars Available for Reclamation This Year—Government Operations in Umatilla County Now a Question of "When Will They Get at It?" Only—Is Full of Vast Possibilities for the Lower Umatilla River.

Chief Engineer Newell, of the reclamation service, has made public the report of Engineer Whistler, who was in charge of the investigation of the feasibility and advisability of government irrigation near Echo. He pronounces the project of diverting the water from the Umatilla river below Pendleton to irrigate the Butter creek region, possible. He also recommends the adoption of the Malheur river and Harney county projects. Newell's report shows that at the close of the present fiscal year there will be \$24,000,000 available for the reclamation of arid lands. The Arizona and Nevada projects, which are now under contract, will use about \$6,000,000 of this sum, leaving \$18,000,000 to be used in other states.

Now a Certainty.

There has been much uncertainty as to the nature of Whistler's report on the Echo irrigation project. The fact that he has reported favorably upon it will probably result in the government constructing the ditch. The importance of striking while the iron is hot needs emphasizing.

Our representatives in congress should see that no stone is left unturned to have the government take up the work. It will not only result in giving a large number of men work whose money will be spent in this county and make times good, but it will result in a far larger measure of good. When the ditch is completed the vast stretches of unproductive sage brush land will be divided into small tracts of 20 to 40 acres and will furnish homes for hundreds of thrifty and industrious farmers. The sage brush land is rich and with the life-giving and vivifying water will yield rich returns to the farmer. Melons, corn, alfalfa, peaches, will all thrive there.

Nature has richly endowed this section both in soil and climate and with irrigation it will prove equal to the irrigated lands near Boise or Lewiston. Lands which could be formerly purchased for a few dollars an acre these are valued at \$250 an acre.

No further proof of the richness of the soil is needed than the fact that from five to seven tons of alfalfa is now raised with one thorough flooding on Butter creek.

Another advantage of government ownership of irrigation projects is that if it is decided to carry it on it will be carried to a successful issue. There will be no uncertainty as to the completion of the project, no fears of abandonment and no extortionate charges for water, as there is too apt to be when some grasping individual or company secures control of such an enterprise.

It will take some years to complete, but it means an influx of a thrifty and desirable class of citizens who will add much to the wealth of Umatilla county.

FAR EASTERN REPORTS BADLY MUDDLED

Paris, Jan. 11.—Diplomatic advices today say peace in the far east is assured if Japan will be content with Korea and keep her hands off Manchuria. Japan is now negotiating with Korea for confirmation of her concessions there.

Will Be No War. Berlin, Jan. 11.—The foreign office today asserts the belief that peace will be established in the far east, but declines to give reasons for the statement.

Respect Treaty Rights.

London, Jan. 11.—Russia has addressed a note to the powers stating she will respect the treaty rights of all nations in Manchuria, and declaring she and Japan have no more right to discuss the future of Manchuria than they have of the Philippines, as the country belongs to neither. Japan has officially announced she has not landed troops in Korea and has no present intentions of doing so.

So Far, But No Farther.

Paris, Jan. 11.—Advices at the foreign office say that Russia's reply to Japan's note, while recognizing Japan's supremacy in Korea, insists upon the establishment of a neutral zone in the north and along the coast of Korea. Russia is willing to recognize Japanese trading rights in Manchuria, but refuses to permit the establishment of Japanese settlements there.

Looks Warlike.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Advices received at the state department today are warlike. The mikado's government seized 20 merchant vessels for transports. A report from Seoul, Korea, says the Russian guard there is being constantly augmented. The Japanese minister called at the state department this morning for a conference with Hay. After his departure the latter admitted the chances to avert war at present seem

Japanese in Texas.

Honolulu, Jan. 11.—Thirty Japanese sailed on the American liner Maru for Texas, to work in the rice fields. They are part of a large colonization scheme to replace negroes, who refuse to work in any considerable numbers in the malaria-ridden rice swamps since they can obtain employment elsewhere. The Japs will contract to work by the year, and as they eat practically nothing but rice and fish the cash outlay for their remuneration is hardly 40 per cent that which the negroes demand to stay.

BARBER SHOP ON FIRE LAST NIGHT

DAMAGE AMOUNTED TO TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Exact Origin Unknown, But Started in the Porter's Sleeping Apartment, and Probably From a Stove—Damaged Badley & Zehner Somewhat.

Fire was discovered last night about 9 o'clock in the rear of Privett's barber shop, on Main street, and an alarm was turned in. The firemen found the front of the shop so full of smoke that they had difficulty in getting to the fire, which had started in the bath department in the rear, from the stove used in heating water. There was a bunk near the stove, used by the porter as a sleeping place, and this had caught fire in some manner. It is estimated that the damage will amount to \$100, the principal damage being done to the stock of bath and barber towels stored over the bunk, and which were burned.

The fire burned through the partition into the store room of the Badley & Zehner cigar store, and another \$100 worth of damage was done there by water and smoke to the stock of tobacco and cigars that could not be removed.

SAN DOMINGO REBELLION.

Continues Unabated, But No Damage to American Legation.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The navy department received a telegram from the commander of the Newport at San Domingo, that the revolution continues, but nothing menacing. The American guard was withdrawn from the legation yesterday.

FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY DEAD.

Dastardly Conduct of an Usher During the Iroquois Fire. Chicago, June 11.—Testimony before the Iroquois inquest today is similar to that given before. One witness testified who appealed to an usher to assist her to escape and he threw her off. Fifteen members of the "Bluebeard" company, who have been held under arrest by the coroner, were released, their testimony having been taken.

FOR NICARAGUA ROUTE.

Senator Morgan Loyal to the Substitute Provided for by Spooner Act. Washington, Jan. 11.—The house committee on appropriations reported a legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill carrying \$28,250,000.

Shortly after the opening of the senate today Mr. Morgan presented a resolution calling on the president to reopen negotiations with Nicaragua for the construction of an isthmian canal.

WHAT BECAME OF IT?

Inquiry into Use Made of Anti-Trust Law Money. Washington, Jan. 11.—The house today without debate unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the attorney-general for a full report of the disposition of \$500,000 appropriated by congress for the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law.

American Academy in Rome.

Rome, Jan. 11.—The king and queen today attended an exhibition by the pupils of the American Academy of Decorative Art and were profuse in their praise.

Difficulty Getting Jury.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Another day passed without adding any jurors in the car barn bandits' case. Months may elapse before a jury is secured.

Chicago Wheat.

TEN THOUSAND AMERICAN HARE

Biggest Drive, in Point of Results, in the History of Umatilla County.

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS FOR SANDWICH AND COFFEE.

Appetites Whetted by a Four-Mile Walk or Fifty Cent Ride—Thousands of Pounds of Meat for the Cannery and Thousands of Young Trees and Hundreds of Acres of Alfalfa Saved to the Farmers—Seven Hundred Persons Helped in the Drive.

Ten thousand rabbits, 700 people, and Lord only knows how many Pendleton dollars visited milepost 197 yesterday afternoon.

Walked to the Starting Point.

About 150 Pendleton people left the city yesterday afternoon for the rabbit drive, eight miles below Echo, and had the pleasure of seeing the biggest drive of the season, but they also had the pleasure of paying well for their entertainment. It had been reported to the East Oregonian that the drive was to be started at the place where the train stopped, but when the people got there they found that the scene of battle was anywhere from two and a half to four miles from the track. The farmers had provided a number of wagons for the accommodation of those who did not wish to walk, and obligingly let the visitors ride to the drive at the rate of 50 cents, and from 50 cents to a dollar back.

Seven Hundred Drivers.

Fully 700 people had gathered at the scene of the drive, a large number coming from Heppner by special train, besides the people from the surrounding country who flocked in for miles around. The drive was started about 1:30 o'clock, under the direction of H. Rogers and went without a hitch. The men in the center of the line were as a rule too eager for the carnage and pressed forward too rapidly, driving many of the rabbits back on the wings, but on the whole it was a good effort and netted the biggest bunch of cannery fodder that has been harvested this year, the catch being estimated at all the way from 8,000 to 10,000, counting what had been killed along the wing fences before the pen was reached.

A coyote was caught in the drive and was killed with a club by one of the hunters, as it ran into the fence, which it failed to see in its fright.

Charged for Lunch.

Sandwiches and coffee were served near the rabbit pen at 25 cents for one sandwich and a cup of coffee. This, again, was contrary to the information given the East Oregonian by the promoters of the drive, who stated over the phone that the farmers engineering the drive would furnish refreshments free of cost to those taking part in the drive. Quite a neat little sum was netted by the lunch counter, as all of the congregation were pretty hungry after the long tramp.

One Serious Accident.

Miss Jessie Boyd, of Echo, had a narrow escape from serious injury at the commencement of the drive. L. H. Zeigler, of Heppner, was one of those zealous in the pursuit of the furry pests, and in his effort to hit an escaping rabbit overshoot the mark and hit the lady in the temple with a hickory hammer handle. The young lady promptly started to faint, when Mr. Zeigler rushed to her rescue. Giving the unconscious young lady into the care of an Echo lady who happened to be near by, Mr. Zeigler hastened to Dr. W. W. Bruce, of Heppner, who was leading the Heppner brigade, and robbing him of a small bottle, all the medicine he had brought along for an emergency, offered it to the victim of the hammer handle. The lady refused to partake, stating that she felt much better without it. It is supposed that she knew it was Heppner whiskey. The Pendleton excursionists returned home on the 5:35 train, light in stomach and pocketbook, but happy in the experience of their trip.

Trial of Whitaker Wright.

London, Jan. 11.—The prosecution of Whitaker Wright opened before Judge Long today in the presence of a great crowd of those interested in the defunct London Globe corporation.

Bryan in Connecticut.

New York, Jan. 11.—William J. Bryan left here today for New Haven, Conn., where he has business in connection with the Bennett will case.